

The Halyard

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Charlie's Chatter

Traveling is such fun! Last week I was invited to speak to the librarians in Alexandria at Douglas MacArthur Elementary School and I had a great time. The library was warm and wonderful. There were clouds hanging from the ceilings and wonderful displays of books just waiting for a child to grab. I had a chance to learn about the challenges that they face each day and to share with them some of the many tasks that I work on here at DOE. My thanks to Peggy Koplitiz and her wonderful crew for inviting me to come for a visit.

Speaking of traveling...the VEMA regionals are starting soon and I encourage

each of you to register to attend the one scheduled for your region. I am always energized when I come back from seeing all the wonderful things that are being accomplished by you. I hope to see many of you in March, April and May as I work my way from end-to-end of this state. Maybe we could do a "Where in the state is Charlie contest?" I could give Matt Lauer and Carmen Sandiego a run for their money and test your geography skills at the same time!

Okay, don't disappoint me. Last week I asked you to send me ways that you encourage the love of reading in your buildings and as of right now, I have not heard from any of you! I

am positive that you have wonderful ideas and you have great pictures that you want to share but just haven't done anything with them yet. I can't produce a Valentine's Day edition if I don't hear from you. Come on, send me your best!



Check out the Library pages at

<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Technology/OET/library.shtml>

Website of Interest

Monthly Calendars

<http://www.theteacherscorner.net/calendars/february.htm>

See the calendar on page 2

The 100th day of school?

<http://www.globalclassroom.org/100days.html>

Famous Birthdays:

Thomas Edison, Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony, and George Washington

Find out more at:

<http://www.suelebeau.com/february.htm>

And at:

<http://webtech.kennesaw.edu/jcheek3/february.htm>



Alexandria City Schools Librarians help students to dream about all the wonderful books @ their library

February Events 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 National Freedom Day Langston Hughes Royal Canadian Mounted Police officially came into existence in 1920. Robinson Crusoe Day	2 Patricia Laube Ground Hog Day Additional below! Bottle Cap Patented	3 Elizabeth Blackwell (first woman doctor) Elmo's Birthday Sesame Street Character. 4:21AM EST. - Halfway point of Winter	4 Russell Hoban Charles Lindbergh Create a Vacuum Day Rosa Park Born in 1913.
5 Weatherman's Day Super Bowl XL Disaster Day Hank Aaron Born in 1934	6 Babe Ruth Born in 1895 Monopoly Board Game Goes on Sale in Stores In 1935.	7 Charles Dicken Born in 1812 Laura Ingalls Wilder	8 Boy Scouts' Day Founded in 1910.	9 Hershey's Chocolate Founded In 1894. Toothache Day	10 Umbrella Day	11 Jane Yolen Thomas Edison Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day National Inventor's Day In honor of Thomas Edison's birthday White T-Shirt Day
12 Judy Blume Abraham Lincoln First Barbie Dolls for Sale	13 Get a Different Name Day	14 George Washington Gale Ferris Ferris Wheel Day Valentine's Day	15 Norman Bridwell National Gumdrops Day Susan B. Anthony	16 Nylon Patented By DuPont in 1937.	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day	18 Pluto Discovered By Clyde Tombaugh in 1930.
19 Mr. Roger's Neighborhood Debuted In 1968.	20 President's Day (links below) John Glenn	21 Love Your Pet Day Malcom X	22 George Washington Born in 1732. Be Humble	23 International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day	24 Wilhelm Carl Grimm Gordon Sesame Street	25 Quiet Day

Internet Hoaxes Provide Great Lessons

The Graveyard of Hoax Websites

<http://www.museumofhoaxes.com/hoaxsitesgr.html>

These aren't sites about hoaxes. These are sites that were, themselves, hoaxes.

This is where hoax websites get buried when they're dead. It's a sad fact of the internet that a substantial portion of it is disappearing all the time. This creates a problem for those of us interested in looking at it retrospectively. So I've created this list of hoax websites that are no more, just to give a sense of what used to be. Happily, portions of these dead sites are often preserved by the [Internet Wayback Machine](#), and when this is the case I've provided a link to that archive. Also, in a few cases I happen to have saved a screenshot of the site. In these instances, I provide a link to that also.

Continental Drift Cam ([Screen Grab](#)) ([Wayback Machine](#))

Observe the continents as they drift apart. Offers a convenient slow-motion mode. This site was created around 1997, but appears to have ceased to exist sometime in 2002.

The Golden Gate Tunnel ([Wayback Machine](#))

The official web site of the Golden Gate Tunnel and the Golden Gate Tunnel Store.

Magic WebCam ([Wayback Machine](#))

I was never sure whether this should have been classified as a hoax or just a gag (and it was a pretty old gag, at that), but I included it in the list of hoax websites anyway. This site asked you to line your face up in front of the monitor, and then their website (powered by

'Innertrode technology') would take a picture of you and display it online. A picture of a monkey's face was then shown.

Oklahoma Association of Wine Producers ([Wayback Machine](#))

Oklahoma does have a (small) wine industry, but this was not its homepage. Instead, this site was a spoof.

and for other hoaxes

Feline Reactions to Bearded Men
<http://www.sree.net/stories/feline.html>

California's Velcro Crop
<http://www.umbachconsulting.com/miscellany/velcro.html>

and for checking out the email scams
<http://www.snopes.com/>

Check these out!

Thomson Gale Offers Free Resources for Women's History Month
Biographies of Coretta Scott King, Abigail Adams, and the many others who have shaped women's history will be available, along with classroom topics, literary selections, and a historic timeline. http://www.gale.com/free_resources/whm

Power Search is coming soon-Watch for details

For an advance preview of what is coming soon to a library near you....

Thomson Gale is happy to continue with a new set of online seminars called "PowerSearch Fridays." At these seminars, held at the very least every Friday, we will be demonstrating Thomson Gale's new platform -- Thomson Gale PowerSearch. This new platform allows for the cross-search of Gale databases -- more than 11,000 InfoTrac periodicals and hundreds of Thomson Gale and partner eBooks.

If you've never attended a webinar before, here's how it works: 1) Register using the links below, 2) You will receive a confirmation email before the meeting time with another link that you click at the time of the meeting -- give yourself a few minutes before the meeting as you may be prompted to download the meeting manager, a quick download 3) Call into the teleconference 4) Sit back, watch the screen,

listen and ask questions. I will be on the phone and available to answer questions.

In the following seminars, you will get a glimpse of the new technology, the unique content that Thomson Gale offers, and you will also be introduced to a new service called AccessMyLibrary. With this service, we will show you how you can bring users of popular search engines like Google and Yahoo back to your library!

Libraries across the world are migrating to PowerSearch. Please click on one of the links below to register for the seminar.

Friday, February 17th, 2006 at 10AM EST
<https://btconferencing.webex.com/btconferencing/j.php?ED=89716712&RG=1>

Friday, February 17th, 2006 at 2PM EST
<https://btconferencing.webex.com/btconferencing/j.php?ED=89716767&RG=1>

Seats are limited, so please sign up soon. If you can't attend the above sessions, more seminars will be available on every Friday this year. If this time is inconvenient for you, please let me know and we can arrange for another session.

Feel free to pass on to your colleagues!

Thanks and I look forward to talking to you .

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Learning Right From Wrong in the
Digital Age by Doug Johnson,
(Linworth Publications)



*We can not control the wind
but we can adjust the sails.*

From: me
Sent: 01 April 2001 09:36
To: EVERYONE!

Subject: FW: ***** VIRUS ALERT *****

If you receive an e-mail entitled 'Badtimes', delete it immediately. Do not open it. Apparently this one is pretty nasty. It will not only erase everything on your hard drive, but it will also delete anything on disks within 20 feet of your computer. It demagnetizes the stripes on ALL of your credit cards. It reprograms your PIN access code, screws up the tracking on your VCR, and uses subspace field harmonics to scratch any CDs you attempt to play.

It will recalibrate your refrigerator's coolness settings so all your ice cream melts and your milk curdles. It will program your phone autodial to call only 1-976 sex line numbers. This virus will mix antifreeze into your fish tank. It will drink all your beer. It will leave dirty socks on the coffee table when you are expecting company.

It will replace your shampoo with engine oil and your engine oil with orange juice, all the while dating your current girl/boyfriend behind your back and billing their hotel rendezvous to your Visa card. It will cause you to run with scissors and throw things in a way that is only fun until someone loses an eye.

It will rewrite your backup files, changing all your active verbs into passive tense and incorporate undetectable misspellings which grossly change the interpretations of key sentences.

If 'Badtimes' is opened in Windows95/98, it will leave the toilet seat up and your hair dryer plugged in dangerously close to a full bath. It will also molecularly rearrange your aftershave/perfume, causing it to smell like dill pickles.

It will install itself into your cistern, block the s-bend and cause your toilet to overflow.

In the worst case scenario, it may stick pins in your eyes.

—Author Unknown